

Faith in the Golden Years – Psalm 71

1) There is a sense of accomplishment for those who have enjoyed _____ on earth. - Deuteronomy 5:32-33

2) The message of culture for those in the Golden Years is; it's time to _____, enjoy yourself, _____ yourself because you've worked hard and you _____ it.

3) Golden years for followers of Jesus are the _____ of the treasures of the Kingdom that can never, rust, spoil or fade away.

Three Advantages of the Golden Years for a follower of Christ.

_____, _____, _____

I. First Advantage of Faith in the Golden Years is Security – Ps. 71:1-12

- As we get older, we get closer to a deeper understanding that God is someone I can _____.

II. Second Advantage of Faith in the Golden Years is our Witness-Ps. 71:13-19

- Our witness of faith grows stronger, not weaker with age because His _____ has been _____.
- The _____ reality of faith grows more visible as the _____ person becomes weak (2 Corinthians 4:16-18).
- The _____ of our lives is evident.

III. Third Advantage of faith in the Golden Years is Confidence-Ps.71:20-24

- The Psalmist expresses that he is not _____ of _____.
- Psalmist looks forward to _____ because it will release him to finally be with the One he's always wanted to be with.
- 2 Corinthians 5:1-9

The true goodness of old age doesn't come from the things we've accomplished or the money we have saved. The true goodness of old age comes from finally _____ the One we've spent a lifetime getting to know.



Messenger

Welcome! We are glad you chose to worship with us.

Faith Will Become Sight

As I listened to the beginning of a news report last week, the announcer called for a moment of silence to remember the people wounded and killed in the war in Ukraine. In the past, there would have been a call for prayer. But today, to respect those who have no God, we just call for silence. On the 3rd Thursday in November, most of the country sits down at the family table, for a meal that expresses our thankfulness to be living in a land of plenty, with opportunity for all. For some there will be an awkward pause before the meal, because they have nothing or nobody to thank; except themselves, and they realize that would be vain and empty.

People of faith have a unique perspective because they are inclined to be thankful in all circumstances (see 1 Thessalonians 5:18). People of faith are content and at peace because they know that they are a part of something greater than themselves. What they have is not dependent on their ability to hold on to it. It is not at the mercy of the stock market or which political party is in power.

What we possess has endured since the beginning of time and will be ours until the end. It is what people were intended to experience. The Psalm written below is a song of Thanksgiving. It is a song that explains what we have. It is a song we could sing every day.

Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Followers of Jesus don't remain silent, we shout for joy because we have something to say. Followers of Jesus boldly say "thank you" because we know the One who provides. As we grow older, that sense of gratitude grows and our voices become stronger. We walk by faith knowing that when this life is over, we will finally meet the One we have spent so much time getting to know. On that day, faith will become sight.

~ Dennis Baker

Sermon Summary

Evening 4 R's in Reconciliation with God – 1 Chronicles 21:1-30

Paul teaches us in Romans 3:23 that “all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.” He also teaches us that “the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 6:23). That puts each one of us in a desperate situation. The only way we can escape the fate of death, because of our sin, is to be reconciled to the one we have offended in our rebellion. An incident in the life of King David teaches us the elements that lead to reconciliation with God and put us on track to live a life that is pleasing to God.

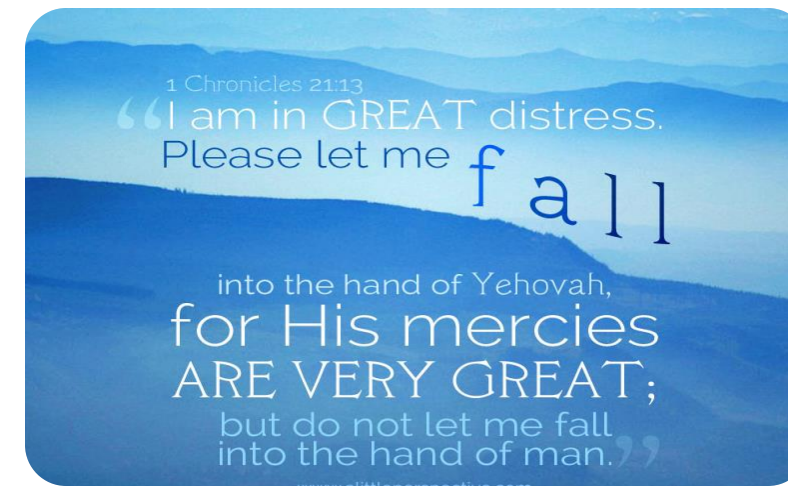
For the Darkest Times

λογίζομαι That's right that's what I said, but don't let me scare you off, this is not one of "deep intellectual" articles, in fact on most days I am fixing some machine, cleaning up some mess, or doing plumbing, "deep" is not what I do. It would have been really nice to have spent life discussing "the holy books with the learned men seven hours every day," but it is just not the way things worked out for me. So, stay with me here; this word, λογίζομαι is really amazing. It is not just a word it is more of a concept, one that gives hope to help us cope.

We would pronounce this word log-id'-zom-ahee, kind of like, let go of me, that may help. Many things happen in life, it has its ups and downs. We all like the ups, but the downs are there and they can be pretty rough, and we feel like saying "let go of me." For example, I was just reading a Facebook note from my niece; she has suffered with brain cancer it has meant surgery and doses of chemo. About the time she is feeling a little better, it comes to light that the chemo has damaged a heart valve, meaning open heart surgery. I know she would just like to have this thing "let go of her," but it won't and there is no healing in pondering over "fairness" or "why me" issues.

Log-id'-zom-ahee is found in Philippians chapter 4:8. Paul's language starting this verse makes it sound like it's the most important thing we can grab a hold of. "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything, worthy of praise, dwell on these things. There's the word, DWELL, meditate, drive other things out, like it was the most important thing you could do in your life. I am sure that we all know, "true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, good, excellent and praiseworthy things that have touched us. Think of some good you have done, even to just one person, pause, take that deep breath, and dwell on these things.

~By Steve Mann



Things to Know

PHOTOS

ALL MEMBERS need to have their photos updated. We will be taking pictures in the adult bible lab after worship. If you have questions, please see Heidi.

Sunday Bible Classes

Dennis Baker is teaching the Book of Revelation in the fellowship hall.

Gordon Gower is teaching the Book of Colossians in the auditorium.

Summer Camp Registration

Registration for summer camp at Copper Basin Bible Camp is now open. Visit the website for registration: copperbasinbiblecamp.org

Memorial Work Weekend

Copper Basin Bible Camp work weekend May 28th thru 30th; see Kevin Hurrell or Joe Bridges with questions.

Game Night

Friday March 25th at 6pm if you have questions see Jessica Brothers.

Bible Bowl

Anna Nowak will be competing at the California bible bowl March 18-20. We will be leaving Friday afternoon. Keep her in your prayers as well as Spencer and Heidi as we travel back and forth.

Power for Today

Next quarters devotional books are on the back table.

Prayer Requests

Lucy Cottabarren has been moved to Arizona Angels at 7859 E Las Flores Ave Prescott Valley, Az 86314 (928)277-4821

Continual Prayers Health Reasons/Treatment

~**Rusty & Bonnie Parker**, many difficulties with Rusty's dementia

~**Kim Cureton** is recovering at home with physical therapy

~**Richard Erno** received his bone marrow transplant. Pray that he will not reject this transplant.

~**Abby Parra** will be on monthly checkups for the next year.

~**Suzanne Lacey (friend of Gowers)** cancer treatment

Our Shut-ins

Marjorie Trammell

Schedule of Services

Bible Class	9:30 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Evening Study	7:00 pm

Minister Dennis Baker

Shepherds

Dale Cureton Morris Guest
Larry Miller

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Spencer Guest Youth Work Education Information & Technology

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ATTENDANCE

Bible Class	48
AM Worship	88
PM Worship	44

FINANCES

Weekly Budget	\$4077
Weekly Contribution	\$4277

FINALLY BROTHERS

WHAT - EVER IS *True* WHAT - EVER IS

Noble WHAT - EVER IS *Right*

WHAT - EVER IS *Pure* WHAT - EVER IS

Lovely WHAT - EVER IS *Admirable*

-IF ANYTHING IS



THINK ABOUT SUCH THINGS.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8